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7-WEEK DELAY IN PUBLICATION
OF CHERVENKOV SPEECH AT STALIN

Ordinarily, the speech of a top government official is published in Bulgarian papers the day after it is given. However, on 23 June 1952, Bulgarian Premier Vulko Chervenkov gave a speech before the Stalin Okrug Party Conference criticizing the report of the secretary of the Stalin Okrug Committee of the Bulgarian Communist Party and criticizing party leaders in various enterprises. His speech was not mentioned in the Sofia daily papers at the time of its delivery, and was not published in these papers until 11 August 1952, when it appeared in Rabotnichesko Delo. On 12 August, the speech was also published in Otechestven Front, Zemedelesko Zname, and Trud. Such a lapse of time between the delivery of a speech by a top government official and its publication is unusual.

It should be noted that a report of the London Press Service summarized an article in the provincial daily paper Stalinsko Zname of 24 June 1952 (not available in FDD) on the party conference and Chervenkov's speech. It did not state whether the entire speech was published on that date.

As reported [] Chervenkov was absent from three commemoration services in Sofia in July 1952 -- the third anniversary of Dimitrov's death on 2 July (he attended the relatively minor service in Stalin), the tenth anniversary of the founding of the Fatherland Front on 17 July, and the tenth anniversary of the execution of the poet Nikola Y. Vaptsarov on 23 July.

However, on 10 September 1952, Rabotnichesko Delo reported that Chervenkov had attended the 9 September celebration of Bulgarian Liberation Day in Sofia.

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